

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW, MN ON 6-16-09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-174-002

I have property in Maype Township sec 27 and Oakwood township sec 27 in Walaska County. The proposed line would cross approximately 50 yards from my house. I am aware that the EMF would not cause disease, but can cause changes in human physiology. It would also decrease the aesthetic value of the area. The line further crosses my farm approximately in half. I am trying to establish a conservation easement on this property. The line & maintenance would interfere with my use and enjoyment of the farm.

I-174-001

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-174-003

Human - The proposed line in Maype Township goes past many residential areas including a recreational camp ground and Lake Umbagog. As a large number of people would be affected both by EMF and the aesthetic problem in an otherwise beautiful natural setting.

I-174-004

#### I-174-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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#### I-174-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-174-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-174-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-174-005

The project and need was explained satisfactorily except the route the line would take. Unfortunately, the attitude seems to be a north route to Olmsted is the most talked about. This route goes thru the Zumbro Valley which is the most scenic in SE MN. This area should be preserved in a natural state and the power line should go along existing roads, power lines or railroads. It seems we are destroying all our natural beauty.

Please tell us how to reach you.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## I-174-005

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-175-004 | Future / Projected / Planned land use  
I-175-003 | Economic Impact on Property Value.

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☐ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☒ Commercial in  
Future

☒ Industrial in  
Future

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Property is NW of Zumbrota along Hwy 52.  
(Currently Agriculture but Zoned Industrial for  
the future.)

I-175-001

Locating the line on this property would  
put severe limits/constraints on the  
future development of industrial sites  
for the city of Zumbrota. The city already  
has a 345 KV line on the east side of  
town, this line should not be located to  
limit industry on this side of town also.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Land appropriately located and suited  
for industrial uses next to the city and  
major transportation Corridor.

I-175-002

The location of the line 1 mile west  
of this land <sup>(as currently proposed)</sup> is much more appropriate  
with minimal impact on residences,  
~~an~~ agriculture, <sup>land values,</sup> and future land use.

#### I-175-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-175-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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#### I-175-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-175-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Ken Olson

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? Warrensburg

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-176-001  Hwy 52 maybe the shortest route, but it has heavily  
traffic, going to fast and in conditions not safe.  
So many cars and trucks go off the road. I  
would consider it risky to put cement structures and  
steel post where they could be hit by one of these  
vehicles. you would also need to go around the city  
I-176-002 of Cannon Falls. plus the road is going to be widened  
I-176-003 and some discussion of light rail.

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### I-176-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at:  
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### I-176-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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### I-176-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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- ☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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***Please tell us how to reach you.***

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Harry F. Olson

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Cannon Falls State: Mn Zip Code: 55601

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo, MN

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- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-177-003 #1 Is this the best solution to the supposed increase in demand for power. Are there better alternatives?
- I-177-001 #2 Use established right of ways instead of creating new ones and opening a new corridor through rural agricultural communities that will receive limited use from this project

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### I-177-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Location: Section 28 Twp 110 Range 18 in Holden Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

We own a little over 3.25 acres with a woods to the South and farmland to the east and west.

There is an abundance of wildlife in the area. Early routes showed lines on all three sides of our property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-177-007 | I'm concerned about all aspects. We live in a township striving to remain agricultural and our family farms.  
I-177-008 | I'm concerned for the farmers trying to farm around the poles and in close proximity to the lines.  
I-177-009 | I'm concerned about potential health dangers to people and wildlife and other animals.  
I-177-010 | I'm concerned about the aesthetics of the area and about interference of radio and television signals. Also, I'm concerned about property values if this project comes through our area.  
I-177-011 |

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-177-002 I'm not sure the information provided  
explains the need for this project. Data showing  
increased demand is provided by power companies,  
I-177-004 however, that data is also being disputed. Our  
State has mandates involving renewable energy  
I-177-005 but this project relies on coal and there is a  
loss of energy when it is transmitted over great  
I-177-006 distances. I do not want to see a new  
Corridor opened up through our area.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-177-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-177-003

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-177-004

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-177-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-177-006

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I-177-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



**I-177-008**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-011**

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

**I-177-012**

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Those aren't enough?!?

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: Recreational

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our property is located in Wauamingo Township between Kenyon and Wauamingo.

The "special use" of our property is that it is our home, our family farm. We, my husband & children and I, are here 24/7 along with our animals. We work, sleep and have our recreation all within this area -- walking, jogging, horseback riding, biking, playing in the creeks.

We made a choice to lead this materially poor, hard working but healthy, wholesome, family oriented existence, and have poured blood, sweat and tears into it for 20 years. Our quality of life would be diminished by the presence of a huge power line through this area -- both physically and perceptually.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

The health & safety of the "biological resources" of my family and those of my neighbors is my utmost concern. Also our animals. We don't want to live anywhere near a giant power line. Other farms around here have families on original family farms that date back to the days this area were homesteaded. That IS the culture in Goodhue County -- whether YOU value it or not, WE DO.

Additionally you would be removing from production some of the verifiably best crop land in the state.

The corridor from Hampton → Kenyon → Zumbrota is crisscrossed with innumerable creeks and wetland areas. Bald eagles are nesting & flying all around here.

Besides the obvious addition of cost/miles in detouring on Hwy 5 to go south (versus Hwy 5) you would be affecting more residences, more schools (Kenyon and Wauamingo), more cropland, more wildlife habitats

And most of us in these communities live and work here, so our exposure would be greater.

#### I-178-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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#### I-178-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety as well as visual resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-004

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-178-007

There was no presentation, although tables were there with written information which was helpful although read later. The fact that this route is coming our way was completely new news to a lot of us. I was disappointed no one had the bravado to stand up in front of a bunch of upset Kenyon & Waramingo residents and try to explain why the utility companies should be able to insert something as unwelcome and detrimental as a giant power line onto our beautiful, quiet, rural properties to aid them in marketing energy from ND & SD to points East of LaCrosse, WI to make a fortune for themselves now and into the future. Terms such as "certificate of need" and "eminent domain" sound very legal and important, but terms such as "raping and pillaging" better describe the situation from our perspective. Oh, and as for as the personal consumption -- I hang my family's clothes on a line to dry them. We have one television (no cable, no DVD, no plasma), I wash my dishes by hand... we are low end users.

I-178-008

I-178-009

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-178-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-178-007

Your comment has been noted.

I-178-008

Your comment has been noted.

I-178-009

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-179-001 |

*See enclosed letter,*

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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24847 County Road 17  
Winona, MN 55987

April 7, 2009

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Dear Secretary Haar,

This letter is to urge you *not* to grant a Certificate of Need for the CAPX2020 powerline project, especially the La Crosse line.

- There are alternatives to this line that will adequately supply power: for example, more regional supplies, such as wind power, and the use of "Smart Grid" technology.
- The reduction in usage, due to the economy and enhanced conservation measures, has made the La Crosse line unnecessary.
- No accommodations for local and/or wind power additions to CAPX2020 have been made.
- The areas being considered targets for the La Crosse powerline, for example, Pleasant Valley and the Mississippi River Valley, would sustain ecological damage and/or severe reductions in property values.

For these and *many* other reasons, please reject CAPX2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

Prof. Kevin Possin  
Chair, Philosophy Department  
Winona State University  
The Critical Thinking Lab

Ann Lavine  
Lavine & Associates  
Winona



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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 24, 2009 - CENTERVILLE WI.

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- ☒ Project Purpose and Need ← \*
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ I-180-002 Water resources (floodplains, river crossings) - SPRAYING UNDER POWER LINES
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-180-003 DECENTRALIZING CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS IS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE. THE INCENTIVE MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO LOCAL COUNTIES TO COME UP WITH SMALL SCALE PROJECTS TO OFFSET ELECTRICAL
- I-180-004 DEMAND. THESE LARGE SCALE PROJECTS TO HAUL ELECTRICITY SEVERAL MILES OVERHEAD ACROSS MANY STATES IS NOT INTELLIGENT.
- I-180-005 FROM THE SHEER WASTE TO THE HEALTH EFFECTS THIS IS TERRIBLE WE ALL SEE THIS IS JUST TO MAKE US MORE ENSLAVED TO BIG ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND THEIR SIDE BUSINESS'S.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☐ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-180-008 | I HIKE FISH AND CAMP ALL THROUGH THESE VALLEYS  
I-180-009 | THESE LINES ARE A COMPLETE EYE SORE AND HEALTH  
I-180-010 | HAZARD. I CONSUME MANY VARIOUS THINGS FROM  
THESE AREA AS FAR AS FOOD AND YOUR SPRAYING ALONG  
WITH DESTROYING WILDLIFE HABITAT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO  
I-180-011 | ME AND MY WAY OF LIFE. THIS PROJECT IS  
COMPLETELY UNNEEDED; DECENTRALIZING AND GIVING RESIDENTIAL  
HOMES THE MONEY YOU GUYS ARE PUSHING FOR IS THE ANSWER  
GIVING US TAXPAYERS OUR TAX DOLLARS TO GO SOLAR

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-180-012 | IT IS ALL VALUABLE! YOU ARE GOING TO CLEAR CUT  
I-180-013 | THE AREA 300' WIDE THEN ERECT TOWERS THAT EMIT  
STRAY VOLTAGE AND IONIZE PARTICLES. NOT TO MENTION  
THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER HIKE DOWN THERE AROUND OR  
UNDER THE LINES AS WELL AS HUNT OR FISH UNDER  
I-180-014 | THEM. ALSO YOU WILL SPRAY RANDOM CHEMICAL UNDERNEATH  
THEM EVERY YEAR TO KILL INDISCRIMINATELY WHAT YOU  
DEEM A NUISANCE. WITH ALL THE CHEMICALS SPRAYED  
EVERYWHERE WHAT DOES SURVIVE? AND WHAT ARE THE  
INTERACTIONS AND TOXIC SIDE EFFECTS OF MIXING ALL  
THESE CHEMICALS AND ALLOWING THEM TO GET BACK INTO  
OUR WATER SUPPLY

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-180-001 NO! IT WAS NOT EXPLAINED WELL. SOME OF THE CHARTS AND GRAPHS YOU USED FOR STATISTICS ARE SKEWED AND FROM EARLIER YEARS SUCH AS 2002, 2003, AND 2004 SINCE THEN WE HAVE ALL CUT BACK ON ENERGY USAGE
- I-180-006 LATER MORE RECENT GRAPHS PROVE THAT. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AS A WHOLE GROUP RATHER THAN THE WAY IT WAS DONE FOR THEN WE COULD HEAR ALL CONCERNS AND "ANSWERS" AS A GROUP WE ALL KNOW WHY IT WAS DONE THE WAY IT WAS DONE!
- I-180-007 I FOUND ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES DENIED TRUTH OR TRIED MAKE UP ANSWERS TO THE TRULY TUFF QUESTIONS SUCH AS: "WHAT CHEMICALS DO YOU SPRAY UNDERNEATH THE POWER LINES" ONLY ONE GUY OUT OF FOUR SAID HE DIDNT KNOW BUT WOULD GET ME THE ANSWERS. OVERALL SOME VERY "DODGY" ANSWERING

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-180-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-180-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-003

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-004

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-006

Your comment has been noted.

**I-180-007**

Your comment has been noted.

**I-180-008**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-011**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-180-012**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-013**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-014**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? La Crescent, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Housing, safety of the power lines.  
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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

First of all our home. We rent out our land  
to neighbors for them to farm and by using our  
property that means less land for them to farm.  
27411 But Rd Utica, MN 55979  
Winona County - Utica township -

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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#### I-181-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-181-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-181-002 |  
I-181-001 |

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend? June 24, at Centerville WI.

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

THE #1 Damaged line should be utilized to feed the  
N-LPX Substation. We do not want more line engraved  
into our wood lot that is in Centerville and DO NOT WANT OUR  
beautiful city destroyed by power lines. A line along US 53.  
William's reporting lines and segments. My home is worth about  
300k - and was built 2 years ago.

I-182-001

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### I-182-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 25, C-F-C HIGH SCHOOL FIC W1

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-183-002

HOW THIS WILL AFFECT THE LIVES OF ALL  
WHO WILL SUFFER FROM THIS CANCELL CAUSING  
EYE SORE.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-183-003 I DON'T THINK THE NEED IS AS GREAT AS THE CAP & 2020 GROUP HAS STATED.

I-183-001 STOP USING OLD LAND DESTROYING METHODS AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH SMALLER MORE LOCALIZED RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Daytime Phone (Optional): 1 507 346 3610

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P.S. STEPHANIE WHEN I MET YOU AT C-F-C HIGH SCHOOL YOU SEEMED LIKE A BRIGHT CARING PERSON. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY THE RIVER VALLEY.

P.S.S. YOU'RE ALSO HOT!

THANK YOU

John

I-183-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-183-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety as well as potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-183-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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☐ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

MY LAND IS LOCATED ON THE GREAT RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR  
IN THE TOWN OF MILTON. I WANT TO BUILD MY  
'DREAM HOUSE' ON THIS PROPERTY IF YOU DRAWING  
YOUR POWER LINE ACROSS MY LAND THERE  
WOULD BE ENOUGH ROOM TO BUILD.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I CAN BELIEVE THAT IN ONE DECISION IF THIS  
LINE COMES DOWN HWY 35 'GREAT RIVER ROAD'.  
YOU COULD DESTROY WHAT GOD HIMSELF HAS  
CREATED. THE GLACIERS MISSED THIS AREA  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO NOW YOU CAN  
DESTROY IT WITH ONE SWIPE OF YOUR PEN.  
WHAT A WORLD!

Patricia H. Steffes  
35044 568<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rochester, MN 55906  
June 21, 2009

Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear Ms. Strength,

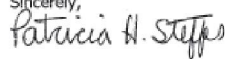
I am writing to you today to share with you my comments about a proposed 345,000 volt power line that is in the works for the state of Minnesota: specifically the CapX2020 (also referred to as the RUS-EIS). While I understand the need to supply the country with more power, I have great concerns about the path that this high-voltage line might take.

**I-184-001** In the area that I live (southeastern Minnesota) there is a proposed B-27 route that would cut through the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. This pristine area includes many old trees (hardwoods) and is the habitat for many animals and birds—including a nesting area for the American Bald Eagle. Cutting the needed 150' path below this power line will have enormous negative impact on this state forest. There is an alternate route also planned that would fall a few miles south of this line (identified as B-28, B-111, B-91, B-93, B-161, B-162) that appears to only impact farm fields. It is my understanding that such a route could still have crops planted around it, creating much less harm to the environment.

**I-184-002** But there is something far more critical to the people in this area than the harmed wildlife, and that is the health and well-being of every man, woman, and child living in this neighborhood and the small town of Hammond. We are all worried about the connections that exist between electro-magnetic fields and childhood leukemia, Alzheimer's disease, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and breast cancer to name a few. Even though scientists have yet to find the reason for the apparent links, the massive amount of research and undeniable increases in cancers in those areas high in EMF's cannot be ignored. And now research does show that EMF's attract and concentrate radon, a known carcinogen that is already in high concentrations in this part of the state. As a parent, I am gravely concerned. Even the representatives of the CapX2020 admitted that they would not want to have their home near one of these lines.

**I-184-003** If the EIS must be built, then at the very least, please consider having it NOT destroy our memorial hardwood forest. And please do NOT put it in such close proximity to neighborhoods like ours. Help me protect our children. Please drop the B-27 route and opt for the alternate one instead. Thank you for your time.

**I-184-004** You can contact me at any time at the above address, this phone number: 507-753-2009, and the following email: [pats@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:pats@zmsch.k12.mn.us)

Sincerely,  
  
Patricia H. Steffes

#### **I-184-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### **I-184-002**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-004**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-005**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Platteau High School June 16

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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Transmission lines on two sides of property

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-185-001 Land Values - As I understand it, a proposed route for the lines is to run the lines on our property line on the north side & the east side which would significantly diminish my property value. The line to the north would also run between our property & my inlaws property. We plan to own that property in the future. Because of the power lines these properties would be split.

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### I-185-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-185-001 | My farm is located in section 09 Twp-108 Range-013  
1165 Acres SW 1/4 Sec 9 10873. I have a 1165 Acre farm and  
my husband's parents' farm is located adjacent on the  
north side. If the transmission lines <sup>run</sup> ~~run~~ along the north  
and east sides of our property line our property value  
will be significantly reduced since we will have easements  
along all four sides - the north + east by power lines  
and south + west by roads. Thus reducing the actual size  
of my farm. The transmission lines will separate my land and  
my in-laws' land which will one day be mine.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Environmental aspect - My husband, sons + I enjoy  
hunting (deer + pheasant) between my property + my  
in-laws'

Air Safety - My neighbor 1/2 mile to the east flies  
small airplanes + ultra gliders from his landing  
strip.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I realize these lines are to be erected somewhere. However I heard different variations of what could happen. I heard something about ~~wind~~ ~~being~~ wind power harnessed south of us may make the power lines unneeded. I also heard lines running on the 'southern route' may not come to fruition because of the difficulty crossing the Mississippi Wildlife Refuge Area. Excuse my ignorance, but what is the difference between those animals & our animals? It was mentioned that the 'Alma' Route is preferable so ~~it~~ may be a line running along Elmsted Hwy Rd 11 north & connect with lines running east & west.

I-185-002

Please tell us how to reach you.

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#### I-185-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 16

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG 2 PORTIONS OF PROPERTY

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-186-001 -LAND VALUES: ONE OF PROPOSED ROUTES WOULD BE PLACED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY AND ALSO A SECOND TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE BESIDES. HAVING TWO SETS OF TRANSMISSION LINES WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY. IF ~~WAS~~ THESE TWO ROUTES WOULD ALSO GO BETWEEN MY PROPERTY AND MY PARENTS FARM. I WILL ALSO OWN THIS PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE. SO MY PARENTS LAND VALUES WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY ~~THESE~~ THESE TRANSMISSION LINES.

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### I-186-001

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

MY FARM IS LOCATED IN SECTION 09 TWP-108 RANGE-013  
160 ACRES SW 1/4 SEC 9 108 13. I HAVE A 160 ACRE  
FARM AND MY PARENTS FARM OF 80 ACRES IS LOCATED  
ADJACENT ALONG THE NORTH. IF THE POWER COMPANY  
IS ALLOWED TO PLACE ~~BEHIND~~ TRANSMISSION LINES  
ALONG BOTH THE EAST AND NORTH SIDES OF MY FARM  
I WILL BE SURROUNDED BY BASEMENTS FOR ROADS ON  
THE WEST AND SOUTH AND FOR TRANSMISSION LINES  
ON THE NORTH AND EAST. MY PROPERTY WILL ALSO  
BE SEPARATED WITH A TRANSMISSION LINE FROM MY PARENTS.  
THIS IS TOO MUCH IMPACT ON ONE PERSONS PROPERTY.  
In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational,  
ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-186-003

ENVIRONMENT - I HIGHLY ENJOY AND ENGAGE IN  
HUNTING AND ~~FARM~~ FARMING. I HAVE DONE THIS  
ON BOTH ~~MY~~ MILE AND MY PARENTS PROPERTY  
ALONG WITH MY FAMILY. I WOULD HATE TO SEE  
THIS PROJECT AFFECT THIS ON MY PROPERTY.

AIR SAFETY - MY NEIGHBOR LOCATED WITHIN 1/2  
MILE OF THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION HAS  
SMALL AIRPLANES AND ULTRA GLIDERS THAT I  
SEE FLYING OVER MY PROPERTY DURING THE  
YEAR

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I DO UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT. I WISHED BEFORE THE POWER COMPANIES ~~WOULD~~ CHOOSE ~~THE~~ THE PREFERRED ROUTES I WISHED THEY WOULD CONTACT <sup>THE</sup> PROPERTY OWNERS ~~SPECIFICALLY~~ WHOSE LAND ~~THE~~ THE LINES ARE TO BE PLACED ON.

I-186-002 | LOOKING AT ROUTES IT SEEMS MORE REASONABLE TO <sup>LOCATE</sup> ~~LOCATION~~ THE TRANSMISSION LINE RUNNING NORTH/SOUTH ALONG MY PROPERTY AND MOVE IT 1 1/2 MILES TO THE EAST ALONG ~~THE~~ COLUMSTED COUNTY RD 11 AND ~~EXTEND~~ IT TO THE NORTH TO CONNECT TO ONE OF THE ROUTES RUNNING EAST/WEST.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-186-002

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I-186-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural and recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? 6-16-09 Plainville Schools, Plainville, NH

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other:

*In Farmington Township on map 3  
B112-B89 affects multiple  
dairy farms but  
B159 + B160 options do  
not affect any dairy  
farms, affect less  
homes*

I-187-001

I-187-007

*Impact on dairy-farmer-land (accessed multiple x/year) vs. crop-farmer-only-land.  
Routes should be put in crop farm only land for less interference + health threat to farmers.*

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-187-008

*Concern about health issues, especially related to children as we live w/in 0.5 miles of proposed routes and have 3 kids under 5 yrs. We are one of very few families w/ young children in Farmington Township due to 60 acre zoning ordinance. On map 3 in Farmington Township the proposed B112-B89 route comes w/in 0.5 mi. of our home and cuts my in-laws dairy farm in half (Malwitz - 10852 40 Avenue NE) - the children spend much time here. Wouldn't it make more sense to move routes away from the only young children in the area? I propose alternative routes B159 + B160 to the east as more economical + direct routes that do not impact kids, affect less homes, and does not cross dairy land which is accessed much more frequently than strictly corn + soybean farms which are accessed much less and fall along B159 + B160 routes.*

### I-187-001

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Property Address: 9525 40 Avenue NE, Elgin, MN 55932 (section 3, Farmington Township, MN)

Nearby family farm: Malwitz, 10852 40 Avenue NE, Elgin, MN (Dairy farm)

- We have 3 children under 5 yrs. of age. Lines are proposed w/in 0.5 miles of our home and on our family farm up the road. Concerned about health negative impact on children. Really are no other small children in the area. Propose route options B159 + B160 as more direct, affect less homes, no dairy farms crossed + no children affected. Our kids spend much time at grandparents (Malwitz) dairy farm. Must also consider that routes will affect dairy farmers much more than just crop (corn + soybean) farmers as dairy farmers access their land much more frequently for haying, etc. Throughout the year where as crop farmers only access their land twice a year (2 x/year for planting + harvest). (Our home also has historical significance as a former 1-room school.) In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, school, etc.) in the Project area and why?

I-187-003

I-187-002

- Health + safety from EMF exposure to those nearby these lines. Especially for young children - research suggests increased health risks w/ lower voltage lines already so whose to say what will happen w/ these much larger lines. Health + safety risks are greater for dairy vs. crop only farmers as dairy farmers are exposed much more. Also makes it much less convenient for dairy farmers to access their land which happens frequently throughout year compared to crop farmers only.

I-187-009

I-187-004

- Concern for negative impact on wildlife habitat.  
 - Concern for decreased aesthetic + property value of land/homes. We live in a historically significant one-room school house, these lines would wreck the value + history of this.

I-187-010

- concern for not being able to use our land + family farm in a recreational manner with our kids any longer due to health threats.

## I-187-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## I-187-003

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## I-187-004

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-187-011 Need up to date, comparable research on health risks of these high voltage power lines. Existing research is not fairly comparable to the high voltage of these power lines + threats of living near (especially for children). No studies over time either for these large power lines, EMFs.

I-187-005 I question the need to cut cross farm + home land unfairly and to threaten health, safety, wildlife, land + property value, ability to farm use land recreationally as a cross-way means. Why not stay along interstates + highways? (i.e. Hwy 52, Interstate 90)? Why destroy country way of life if this project is as "Safe + positive" as those behind it portray? If this is the case go along existing right of way.

I-187-012 It doesn't seem that all possible routes are being considered fairly + w/ all consequences, i.e. B159 + B160 routes on map 3, Farmington township, are more direct + less impacting of homes, children, dairy farms vs. B112 - B189 route options.

I-187-006 Please tell us how to reach you. Also, there are multiple missing homes on the map even after we have requested them to be added multiple times! Along 40+ are NE between Hwy 247 + Co Rd 21 (including at intersections, there are 15 homes, only 10 listed. Never seems to be any response or follow through with our input, suggestions.

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I-187-005

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I-187-006

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I-187-007

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I-187-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



**I-187-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-187-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources as well as human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-187-011**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-187-012**

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Which meeting did you attend? 10/16/09 Plainview School, Plainview, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

existing  
- These lines should have to follow right-of-ways versus cutting unfairly through farms, land in farmington township, section 3 of map we propose route options B19, B1A, B1B instead of B112-1389.  
\* - Health issues need much more attention in this matter. I work in healthcare at Mayo Clinic and have researched the impact of power lines and health risks both myself and with leading physicians in family medicine, pediatrics, and neurology. While existing research has not proven direct links to health risks, it has found increased likelihood of health risks associated with living near power lines. This is increased  
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in children. Also - it is very important to note that existing research is not current and

I-188-002

I-188-003

(continued) it is based on much lower voltage power lines than those proposed by this project—thus it amounts to comparing apples to oranges. Also, there is no research existing that assesses the health risks of 161 and 345 kV transmission lines over any significant time span to accurately research longer term risks of living near these lines—there are not longitudinal studies. We have 3 children under the age of 5 years old and are especially concerned about the health risks of raising our children so close to such high voltage lines. If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture crop/livestock ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

A Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Property Address: 9525 40th Ave NE, Elgin, MN 55932

A ① We have 3 children under the age of 5 years old and are gravely concerned about health threats to our children if forced to have such high voltage lines in close proximity to our home and their grandparents homestead where they attend daycare and spend large amounts of time. (Eldon Brenda Malwitz Farm - 1892 40th Ave NE, Elgin, MN 55932) Research existing in health risks + high voltage lines is not current or fairly comparable to the 161/345 kV lines proposed. There are not many other existing children in farmington township, largely due to zoning ordinance requiring 80 acres for a homestead—thus most neighbors are subdivided with the exception of us with 3 kids under 5 yrs.

B In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc.) in the Project area and why?  
 The proposed B159-B160 line is within 0.5 mile of our home and cuts my parents' farm in half for the children's health and many other concerns, there are other routes that should be considered.

A ② Land Use - We live in the country to escape environmental hazards of city living as well as to use the land for recreational, livestock + other purposes. My parents' farm (our neighbor) [Malwitz farm - address noted above] is a place us + our 3 young kids spend much time outdoors including in the fields, helping farm. The Malwitz's are dairy and crop farmers which means they access their land much more often during the year (20+ times at minimum) compared to non-dairy farms who only have to access 3x/year. We propose route options B159 + B160 as less impacting routes that affect less homes, no children, do not cross dairy farmer land, and are more direct routes.

A ③ Historical - We live in a renovated one-room school house. This home has much historical significance and value. To run high voltage power lines within 0.5 miles of our home would affect this longevity.

A ④ Wildlife habitat - There is much wildlife in our area that I am concerned would be negatively impacted by this project.

## I-188-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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## I-188-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## I-188-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to historic and archaeological resources as well as socioeconomic issues such as

I-188-001

I-188-004

I-188-005

I-188-006

Question B: What are most sensitive resources? Health, safety to individuals living in close proximity, especially children. EMF threats. Destroying farmland (land affected as they use it multiple times each year). Wildlife habitat. Decreased land value. Negative aesthetic impacts. Impact on crops. <sup>Unrestored</sup>  
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I-188-007

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

NO - I question the need for this project versus the goal of monetary gains of those behind it. Rochester MN is close by and has adequate power supply for us. Our land, health is being unfairly targeted as a "cross-way".

I-188-008

Also - I do not feel there is adequate research regarding health risks to those living within close proximity to these lines. There is not current research on the 161-345 kV lines, and certainly not time-based studies to adequately examine the long-term health risks. My concern is especially for raising children under these lines. I have done research myself and have had physicians also research for me - there are increased health risks especially for children with smaller voltage lines so I do not want to take a risk or be a "guinea pig" for the higher voltage lines.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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property values will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-188-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-188-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-188-007

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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I-188-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? C.F.C. school

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-189-001 #1 - I think it is needed, but at least 75% of the electricity produced should be wind or solar, not coal or oil.
- I-189-002 #2. Try to stay away from running parallel with river and major roads.
- I-189-003 #3. Try to use existing routes or easements if possible.
- #4. make it twice as more capacity right away
- #5.

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### I-189-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-189-002

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### I-189-003

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☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

#1. We (Wald Prosport) rent agricultural land from Dairyland Power Coop and would like a 10 year extension.

2. we would like 15 2.5 MW wind turbines put on our property. (class III wind) at 300 ft is class four. We are in U.S. fish & wild life recamulation for wind turbine placement for distance from Mississippi River (1 mile from cliffs)

3. Dairyland Power has 1 1/2 miles of power lines on our and Xcel energy has 1/2 miles.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

→ We are 2 miles East of Dairyland Power generation plant at Abma, Wis. In the main River.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-189-004

yes it is needed; But I did not find out how much electricity is produced by coal and how much is produced by renewables for this 345 KV line.

ppp

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-189-004

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